

**2023 Committee of Supply
Municipal Relations
as at March 13, 2023**

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A1 Committee of Supply Attendee List

Municipal Relations

2023/24

Honourable Andrew Smith, Minister of Municipal Relations

Bruce Gray, Deputy Minister of Municipal Relations

Mike Sosiak, Assistant Deputy Minister/Executive Financial Officer,
Administration and Finance

Nick Kulyk, Assistant Deputy Minister, Outcomes and Strategic
Policy

David Neufeld, Assistant Deputy Minister, Community Planning and
Development Division

Ryan Schenk, Fire Commissioner

Don Hallett, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Assessment and
Advisory Services Division

A2 List of Government Committees Minister Attends:

Municipal Relations

2023/24

Honourable Andrew Smith, Minister of Municipal Relations, is the member of The Statutes and Regulations Review Board.

A3 Summary Budget with Variance Explanations, including for OREs

Municipal Relations
2023/24

The Department's summary budget includes the core department of Municipal Relations and two Other Reporting Entities (OREs) - Manitoba Water Services Board and The Forks North Portage Partnership.

The Department's 2023/24 summary budget total is \$420 million; it is an increase of over \$28 million or 7 per cent from the 2022/23 summary budget level of \$392 million.

This increase of is primarily due to Department's increased cost for the follows:

Core Department

- Grant assistance increase of \$23.4 million towards Municipal Capital Basket Funding. This increase results in over \$160 million for cost-share investments in municipal capital projects, including water and wastewater infrastructure.
- Grant assistance increase of \$862 thousand for Urban/Hometown Green Team Program. This increase rebalances the base budget to allow hiring of the same amount of youth at pre-pandemic level while taking into account the minimum wage increase since 2019.

- Office of the Fire Commissioner increase of \$392 thousand to reflect the full year cost of 4.00 FTE positions added in 2022/23, to meet legislative requirements of facilitating emergency / disaster response. This includes wildfire urban interface, provincial ground search & rescue, and Heavy Urban Search and Rescue (HUSAR) programs.
- Salary adjustment of \$1.3 million related to recent contract settlement with Manitoba Government and General Employees' Union (MGEU).

Other Reporting Entities

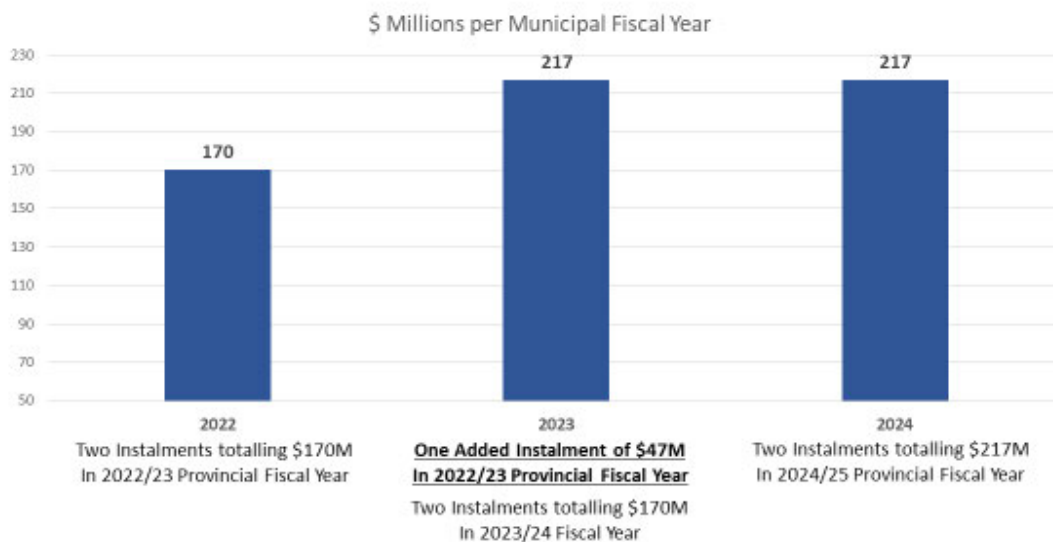
- Increase of \$2 million due to increased operating expenditures for the Manitoba Water Services Board.

Summary (millions)	2023/24 budget	2022/23 budget	Incr./ (decr.)
Core Department	407	382	25
Other Reporting Entities (OREs)	11	9	2
General Consolidation	1	1	-
Total	420	392	28

2023 Municipal Operating Grants

- In addition to the \$23.4 million increase in the Municipal Capital Basket grant funding, municipalities will receive an increase of \$47 million in municipal operating grant payments.
- This funding was paid in the Province's 2022/23 fiscal year (March 2023) but the increase supports municipalities' 2023 fiscal year budget. It represents a 28 percent increase from \$170 million in 2022 to \$217 million in 2023.
- This increase addresses municipalities' cost pressures for delivering core services and programming that has materially increased due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and higher than average inflation rates.

Municipal Operating Funding Increased \$47M or 28%



A4 Printed Estimates of Expenditure

APPROPRIATION	2023/24 \$ (000s)	CHANGE FROM 2022/23 %	2022/23 \$ (000s)*
MUNICIPAL RELATIONS (13)			
PART A - OPERATING (SUMS TO BE VOTED)			
1. Administration and Finance	7,782	2.2	7,614
2. Community Planning and Development	13,705	7.5	12,753
3. Municipal Assessment and Advisory Services	12,520	4.5	11,976
4. Financial Assistance	372,501	7.0	348,239
SUBTOTAL	406,508	6.8	380,582
PART A - OPERATING (NON-VOTED)			
5. Costs Related to Capital Assets	850	(14.1)	990
TOTAL PART A - OPERATING	407,358	6.8	381,572
SUMMARY OF PART A - OPERATING			
Operating Expenditures	245,733	1.0	243,207
Capital Grants	160,775	17.0	137,375
TOTAL TO BE VOTED	406,508	6.8	380,582
Costs Related to Capital Assets			
General Assets	850	(14.1)	990
Infrastructure Assets	-	-	-
TOTAL PART A - OPERATING	407,358	6.8	381,572
PART B - CAPITAL INVESTMENT			
13. Capital Assets			
General Assets	1,725	-	1,725
Infrastructure Assets	-	-	-
TOTAL PART B - CAPITAL INVESTMENT	1,725	-	1,725
PART C - LOANS AND GUARANTEES			
TOTAL PART C - LOANS AND GUARANTEES	117,364	44.4	81,288
PART D - OTHER REPORTING ENTITIES CAPITAL INVESTMENT			
TOTAL PART D - OTHER REPORTING ENTITIES CAPITAL INVESTMENT	90,548	27.9	70,781

A4 Printed Estimates of Expenditure

RES. NO.	APPRO. NO.	SERVICE	2023/24 \$ (000s)	2022/23 \$ (000s)	Variance \$ (000s)	Explanation
MUNICIPAL RELATIONS (13) Continued						
PART A - OPERATING						
13.1	1.	ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE	7,782	7,614	168	
		Provides executive planning, management, and directs departmental policies and programs while overseeing their implementation. Delivers the comptrollership function and central management services, including financial and administrative services and budget oversight.				
		Supports the department by providing strategic advice and analysis on key financial matters, grant funding, policy and programs, partnership and stakeholder relations, community development, and other department and government-wide strategic initiatives and corporate affairs.				
		<i>Municipal Board:</i> Reviews and renders decisions on municipal borrowing, assessment, planning, and other matters as required by statute. The Administrative Tribunal staff provides administrative support to the Municipal Board, Land Value Appraisal Commission and the Disaster Assistance Appeal Board.				
	(a)	Minister's Salary				
	(1)	Salaries and Employee Benefits	42	42	-	
	(b)	Executive Support				
	(1)	Salaries and Employee Benefits	855	849	6	Normal Salary Adjustment and General Salary Increase.
	(2)	Other Expenditures	112	112	-	
		Subtotal (b)	967	961	6	
	(c)	Financial and Administrative Services				
	(1)	Salaries and Employee Benefits	835	822	13	Normal Salary Adjustment and General Salary Increase.
	(2)	Other Expenditures	161	161	-	
		Subtotal (c)	996	983	13	
	(d)	Municipal Board				
	(1)	Salaries and Employee Benefits	1,168	1,147	21	Normal Salary Adjustment and General Salary Increase.
	(2)	Other Expenditures	147	147	-	
		Subtotal (d)	1,315	1,294	21	
	(e)	Outcomes and Strategic Policy				
	(1)	Salaries and Employee Benefits	3,759	3,631	128	Normal Salary Adjustment and General Salary Increase.
	(2)	Other Expenditures	703	703	-	
		Subtotal (e)	4,462	4,334	128	

A4 Printed Estimates of Expenditure

RES. NO.	APPRO. NO.	SERVICE	2023/24 \$ (000s)	2022/23 \$ (000s)	Variance \$ (000s)	Explanation
MUNICIPAL RELATIONS (13) Continued						
13.2	2.	COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT	13,705	12,753	952	
		Delivers land use planning and development services as well as engaging partners in advising on the legislative framework for planning to support safe, healthy, vibrant, and prosperous communities.				
		<i>The Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC):</i> Ensures sustainable fire and rescue services for Manitobans through fire protection programming; engages with and supports local authorities, and the Manitoba Emergency Services College, and responds under the Fire Prevention and Emergency Responses Act in partnership with fire services across the province.				
	(a)	Community Planning				
	(1)	Salaries and Employee Benefits	4,883	4,558	325	Normal Salary Adjustment and General Salary Increase.
	(2)	Other Expenditures	1,135	1,135	-	
		Subtotal (a)	6,018	5,693	325	
	(b)	Office of the Fire Commissioner				
	(1)	Salaries and Employee Benefits	4,948	4,364	584	Normal Salary Adjustment and General Salary Increase, plus 4.00 additional FTEs
	(2)	Other Expenditures	2,379	2,336	43	Increased operating budget related to 4.00 additional FTEs
	(3)	Grant Assistance	360	360	-	
		Subtotal (b)	7,687	7,060	627	

A4 Printed Estimates of Expenditure

RES. NO.	APPRO. NO.	SERVICE	2023/24 \$ (000s)	2022/23 \$ (000s)	Variance \$ (000s)	Explanation
MUNICIPAL RELATIONS (13) Continued						
13.3		3. MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENT AND ADVISORY SERVICES	12,520	11,976	544	
		Supports the delivery of effective and efficient local government and the legislative framework for municipal governments, through engagement with municipal and other partners. Supports sustainable and accountable municipalities by providing information systems, guidance and direction on good governance such as respectful behaviour and codes of conduct, conflict of interest, transparency, accessibility, and responsiveness. Delivers property assessment services for all taxing authorities except the City of Winnipeg.				
	(a)	Municipal Governance and Advisory Services				
	(1)	Salaries and Employee Benefits	1,627	1,557	70	Normal Salary Adjustment and General Salary Increase.
	(2)	Other Expenditures	415	415	-	
		Subtotal (a)	2,042	1,972	70	
	(b)	Property Assessment Services				
	(1)	Salaries and Employee Benefits	9,533	9,139	394	Normal Salary Adjustment and General Salary Increase.
	(2)	Other Expenditures	1,347	1,347	-	
		Subtotal before Recoveries	10,880	10,486	394	
	(3)	Salaries and Employee Benefits	(2,255)	(2,255)	-	
	(4)	Other Expenditures	(299)	(299)	-	
		Recoveries Total	(2,554)	(2,554)	-	
		Subtotal (b)	8,326	7,932	394	
	(c)	Information Systems				
	(1)	Salaries and Employee Benefits	1,521	1,441	80	Normal Salary Adjustment and General Salary Increase.
	(2)	Other Expenditures	1,125	1,125	-	
		Subtotal before Recoveries	2,646	2,566	80	
	(3)	Salaries and Employee Benefits	(246)	(246)	-	
	(4)	Other Expenditures	(248)	(248)	-	
		Recoveries Total	(494)	(494)	-	
		Subtotal (c)	2,152	2,072	80	

A4 Printed Estimates of Expenditure

RES. NO.	APPRO. NO.	SERVICE	2023/24 \$ (000s)	2022/23 \$ (000s)	Variance \$ (000s)	Explanation
MUNICIPAL RELATIONS (13) Continued						
13.4	4.	FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	372,501	348,239	24,262	
		Provides funding to support the delivery of municipal services, infrastructure renewal, and community development.				
	(a)	Funding to Municipalities and Related Grants				
	(1)	Grant Assistance	316,402	293,002	23,400	Increased grant assistance within the Capital Basket Funding
	(b)	Manitoba Water Services Board				
	(1)	Grant Assistance	20,000	20,000	-	
	(c)	Grants to Municipalities in Lieu of Taxes				
	(1)	Grant Assistance	21,363	19,713	1,650	Increased Grants to Municipalities in Lieu of Taxes for provincially owned properties
		Subtotal before Recoveries	21,363	19,713	1,650	
	(2)	Grant Assistance	(20,775)	(19,125)	(1,650)	Increased recovery of Grants to Municipalities in Lieu of Taxes from other departments for provincially owned properties
		Recoveries Total	(20,775)	(19,125)	(1,650)	
		Subtotal (c)	588	588	-	
	(d)	Community Development				
	(1)	Grant Assistance	39,301	38,439	862	Increased grant assistance for the Urban/Hometown Green Team
		Subtotal before Recoveries	39,301	38,439	862	
	(2)	Grant Assistance	(3,790)	(3,790)		
		Recoveries Total	(3,790)	(3,790)		
		Subtotal (d)	35,511	34,649	862	
NV	5.	COSTS RELATED TO CAPITAL ASSETS (NON-VOTED)				
		Provides for costs related to capital assets.				
	(a)	General Assets	850	990		
	(1)	Amortization Expense	850	990	(140)	

A4 Printed Estimates of Expenditure

RES. NO.	APPRO. NO.	SERVICE	2023/24 \$ (000s)	2022/23 \$ (000s)	Variance \$ (000s)	Explanation
MUNICIPAL RELATIONS (13) Continued						
PART B - CAPITAL INVESTMENT						
13.5		13. CAPITAL ASSETS	<u>1,725</u>	<u>1,725</u>		
		Provides for the acquisition of equipment.				
	(a)	General Assets	<u>1,725</u>	<u>1,725</u>		
PART C - LOANS AND GUARANTEES						
13.6		13. LOANS AND GUARANTEES PROGRAMS	<u>117,364</u>	<u>81,288</u>		
		Provides expenditure authority for non-budgetary capital and operating investment requirements to support the construction of municipal water and wastewater projects.				
	(a)	Manitoba Water Services Board	<u>117,364</u>	<u>81,288</u>	36,076	Increased authority due to increased bridge financing needs for additional prioritized capital projects
PART D - OTHER REPORTING ENTITIES CAPITAL INVESTMENT						
13.7		13. OTHER REPORTING ENTITIES CAPITAL INVESTMENT	<u>90,548</u>	<u>70,781</u>		
		Provides for the development or enhancement of strategic infrastructure, equipment, and information technology systems.				
	(a)	The Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation	<u>80,412</u>	<u>68,148</u>	12,264	Increased authority due to increased capital investment
	(b)	The Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation - First Nations Capital Program	<u>10,136</u>	<u>2,633</u>	7,503	Increased authority due to increased capital investment

A5 Summary of Expenditure Adjustment

Municipal Relations
2023/24

Part A – Operating

The Department's 2023/24 core departmental budget of \$407.4 million reflects an increase of \$25.8 million or 6.8 percent from the 2022/23 budget level. Key budget increases include:

- ***Municipal Capital Basket Funding - \$23.4 million*** – Reflects a 17% increase in capital basket funding for Winnipeg and other municipalities based on recent price escalation of ICIP and other projects due to construction inflation.
- ***Urban Green Team Program - \$0.9 million*** – Reflects an increase of \$862 thousand to \$4.9 million in the 2023/24 Estimates funding level to address increased minimum wage requirements. Note: combined with \$4.1million in additional funding accelerated from within 2022/23 existing resources, this will maintain the Green Team program funding level at \$9.0 million in 2023 – same level as 2022.
- ***Office of the Fire Commissioner - \$0.4 million*** – Establishment of a new unit to lead the provincial emergency response for wildfire urban interface, provincial ground search and rescue and Heavy Urban Search and Rescue (HUSAR) programs.
- ***Normal Salary Adjustments / General Salary Increase - \$1.3 million*** – Reflects the net increase required to address 2023/24 salary costs based on the recent MGEU collective agreement.

Part B - Capital Investment

The Department's 2023/24 Capital Investment (Part B) of \$1,725 thousand supports the purchase of new equipment for the Office of the Fire Commissioner. This reflects no change from the 2022/23 level.

Part C – Loans and Guarantees

The Department's 2023/24 Loans and Guarantees (Part C) reflects budgeted borrowing authority of \$117.4 million, an increase of \$36.1 million or 44 percent from the previous year.

The Department uses its borrowing authority to support the Manitoba Water Services Board in providing interim financing for municipal water / wastewater capital projects. This covers the municipal portion of project costs during construction, with municipalities repaying the loan with interest upon completion of the project. Not all municipalities opt for this financing.

Part D – Other Reporting Entities Capital Investment

The Department's 2023/24 Other Reporting Entities Capital Investment (Part D) is \$90.5 million related to the Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation – an increase of \$19.7 million from the 2022/23, primarily due to liquor store upgrades and First Nations gaming equipment replacement / refresh.

Responsibility for the Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation (MBLL) was transferred to the Minister of Municipal Relations in the recent departmental re-organization.

A6 List of 2023/24 Major Grants Programs

Municipal Relations

2023/24

Office of Fire Commissioner

Training Incentive Grant Program	360,000
Office of Fire Commissioner Subtotal	360,000

Funding to Municipalities and Related Grant

Municipalities Operating Grants	170,279,000
Municipalities Infrastructure Capital Grants	160,400,000
Municipalities Other Grants	5,723,000
Grants to Municipalities in Lieu of Taxes	21,363,000
Grants to Municipalities in Lieu of Taxes Recovery from Other Departments	(20,775,000)
Funding to Municipalities and Related Grant Subtotal	336,990,000

Community Development Grant Program

Boys & Girls Clubs of Winnipeg	474,100
Building Sustainable Communities	25,000,000
Canadian Red Cross - Safety Services	5,200
Chalmers Community Renewal Initiative	31,500
Chalmers Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation	120,000
Community Initiatives Program	75,000
Dauphin Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation	75,750
Daniel McIntyre/St. Mathews Community Association Inc	151,500
Flin Flon Neighbourhood Revitalization Corp	75,750
Green Team	4,873,000
Manitoba Camping Association	23,000
Manitoba Camping Association Sunshine Fund	36,000
Neighbourhood Renewal Fund	1,061,306
North End Renewal Corporation	353,500
North End Revitalization Inc (NERI)	150,000
Portage la Prairie Community Revitalization Corp	75,750
Poverty Reduction Council	50,000
Recreation Connection Manitoba	63,400
Recreation Opportunities for Children Central	40,000
Recreation Opportunities for Children Eastman	50,000
Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation	151,500
Selkirk Community Renewal Corporation	75,750
Spence Neighbourhood Association Inc	215,000
SUN Fund for Kids - Recreation Services	5,100
The Pas Community Renewal Corporation	75,750
The Winnipeg Foundation	120,000
Thompson Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation	151,500
United Ways of Manitoba *	4,950,000
West Broadway Development Corporation	151,500
Capital Planning Region	540,000
YMCA/YWCA (Winnipeg)	80,000

Community Development Grant Program Subtotal 39,300,856

Municipal Relations - Total: 376,650,856

Green Team Recovery	(3,790,000)
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Municipal Relations - Total after Recovery: 372,860,856

Additional \$221K for United Ways of Manitoba is included in Municipalities Other Grants for a total of \$5,171,000

A7 List of Major Contracts reported from April 1, 2022 to February 28, 2023

Category	Contract Number	Reporting Period	Contract Date	Vendor Name	Contract Value	Subject Matter	Rationale
Direct Award	4501249752	202302	06/04/2022	CITY OF BRANDON	18,024	OTHER RENTAL & LEASE	The contract is with another government organization
	4501256355	202303	07/06/2022	ANDERSON GAIL	25,000	OTHER PROFESSION SRV	Provider possesses specific and/or unique knowledge and/or abilities
	4501282436	202310	31/01/2023	ARTHUR J GALLAGHER (CANADA) LTD	42,090	OTHER FEES FOR SRV	The contract is with another government organization
	4600023073	202310	18/01/2022	OPTIMAL STRATEGY INC. /DENTONS CORPORATION	100,000	OTHER PROFESSION SRV	Provider possesses specific and/or unique knowledge and/or abilities
Sole Source	4501269569	202307	05/10/2022	HDT EXPEDITIONARY SYSTEMS INC	57,360	CAMPING EQUIPMENT	To meet requirements of interoperability with existing equipment
	4501277056	202309	09/12/2022	AMBM	68,832	GEN INTEREST PUB,ADV	Due to the proprietary and/or specialized nature of the requirement, products or services can be supplied only by a particular vendor and no reasonable alternative or substitute exists
Tendered	4501249576	202301	31/03/2022	BDO CANADA LLP	276,500	CONSULTING SERVICES	This contract was competitively sourced
	4501248350	202302	28/03/2022	PREMIER PRINTING LTD	18,552	OFFSET,PRINTING SRV	This contract was competitively sourced
	4501254353	202302	19/05/2022	MATRIX VIDEO COMMUNITCATIONS CORP	11,793	TELEVISION,RADIO	This contract was competitively sourced
	4501255310	202302	30/05/2022	CITY OF WINNIPEG	27,000	OTHER OP FEE FOR SRV	This contract was competitively sourced
	4600023054	202302	01/01/2022	KAR-BASHER MB LTD	18,000	EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	This contract was competitively sourced
	4501246440	202303	09/03/2022	MERLIN	21,722	OTHER OP FEE FOR SRV	This contract was competitively sourced
	4501256298	202303	07/06/2022	PICTOMETRY CANADA CORP	950,000	OTHER PROFESSION SRV	This contract was competitively sourced
	4501258065	202303	21/06/2022	WSP CANADA GROUP LTD	147,289	CONSULTING SERVICES	This contract was competitively sourced
	4600022619	202303	05/05/2021	BC ADVISORY GROUP	61,706	OTHER PROFESSION SRV	This contract was competitively sourced
	4501271633	202307	24/10/2022	MERLIN	22,000	IT PROFESSIONAL SERV	This contract was competitively sourced
	4501271640	202307	24/10/2022	AMAZON.COM.CA INC	21,034	MEASURE EQUIP,GPS	This contract was competitively sourced
	4501221220	202305	16/07/2021	CRANE STEEL STRUCTURES	2,035,097	OTHER BLDG CONST SRV	This contract was competitively sourced
	4501263423	202305	11/08/2022	CITY OF WINNIPEG	13,000	OTHER OP FEE FOR SRV	This contract was competitively sourced
	4501258196	202306	22/06/2022	MERLIN	19,630	DESKTOP SERVICES	This contract was competitively sourced
	4501267672	202306	20/09/2022	MERLIN	17,596	OTHER PROFESSION SRV	This contract was competitively sourced
	4501273304	202308	08/07/2022	MCCANDLESS TRAMLEY MUNICIPAL	16,000	LEGAL SERVICES	This contract was competitively sourced
	4501219716	202310	05/07/2021	MIGHTY MAID SERVICE	64,516	JANITORIAL SERVICES	This contract was competitively sourced
	4501243713	202310	10/02/2022	KAMAU CONSULTING GROUP	373,064	OTHER PROFESSION SRV	This contract was competitively sourced
	4501275821	202310	29/11/2022	METRIC MARKETING ROI INC	83,200	INTERNET DESIGN PROD	This contract was competitively sourced
	4501278983	202310	30/12/2022	LAERDAL MEDICAL CANADA LTD	223,522	OTHER OFFICE SUPPLY	This contract was competitively sourced
	4501279680	202310	06/01/2023	BH SAFETY SERVICES & CONSULTING LTD	28,353	FIREFIGHTING OUTFIT	This contract was competitively sourced
	4501280865	202310	17/01/2023	ROCKY MOUNTAIN PHOENIX	27,267	OTHER SAFETY DEVICES	This contract was competitively sourced
	4501281112	202310	19/01/2023	PRINT & CHEQUES NOW INC	22,446	FORMS,PRINTING SRV	This contract was competitively sourced
	4501272725	202311	01/11/2022	GREAT CANADIAN TRAVEL GROUP INC	15,528	OTHER TRANSPORT SRV	This contract was competitively sourced

A8 Minister Municipal Relations Out of Province Travel Expenses



SUMMARY TABLE – April 1 to June 30, 2022

Item#	Date(s)	Purpose	Total Cost

DETAIL TABLE

Item #	
Purpose	
Date(s)	
Destination(s)	
Air fare	
Other Transportation	
Accommodation & meals & phone calls	
Other	
TOTAL:	NIL

Item #	
Purpose	
Date(s)	
Destination(s)	
Air fare	
Other Transportation	
Accommodation & meals & phone calls	
Other	
TOTAL:	NIL

Item #	
Purpose	
Date(s)	
Destination(s)	
Air fare	
Other Transportation	
Accommodation & meals & phone calls	
Other	
TOTAL:	NIL

Minister (Municipal Relations)
Out of Province
Travel Expenses



SUMMARY TABLE - July 1 to September 30, 2022

Item#	Date(s)	Purpose	Total Cost
1	June 2 - 6, 2022	Federation of Canadian Municipalities 2022 Annual Conference	2,728.25

DETAIL TABLE

Item # 1		
Purpose	Federation of Canadian Municipalities 2022 Annual Conference Regina SK	
Date(s)	June 2-6, 2022	
Destination(s)	Regina SK	
Air fare		
Other Transportation	\$511.20	
Accommodation & meals & phone calls	\$1,101.95	
Other	\$1,115.10	
TOTAL:	\$2,728.25	

Note: \$1,115.10 Other Costs is for the Minister's conference registration fee

Item #		
Purpose		
Date(s)		
Destination(s)		
Air fare		
Other Transportation		
Accommodation & meals & phone calls		
Other		
TOTAL:		

Item #		
Purpose		
Date(s)		
Destination(s)		
Air fare		
Other Transportation		
Accommodation & meals & phone calls		
Other		
TOTAL:		

Minister Municipal Relations
Out of Province
Travel Expenses



SUMMARY TABLE – October 1 to December 31, 2022

Item#	Date(s)	Purpose	Total Cost

DETAIL TABLE

Item #	
Purpose	
Date(s)	
Destination(s)	
Air fare	
Other Transportation	
Accommodation & meals & phone calls	
Other	
TOTAL:	NIL

Item #	
Purpose	
Date(s)	
Destination(s)	
Air fare	
Other Transportation	
Accommodation & meals & phone calls	
Other	
TOTAL:	NIL

Item #	
Purpose	
Date(s)	
Destination(s)	
Air fare	
Other Transportation	
Accommodation & meals & phone calls	
Other	
TOTAL:	NIL

A9 Department Revenue

DETAILS OF ESTIMATED REVENUE

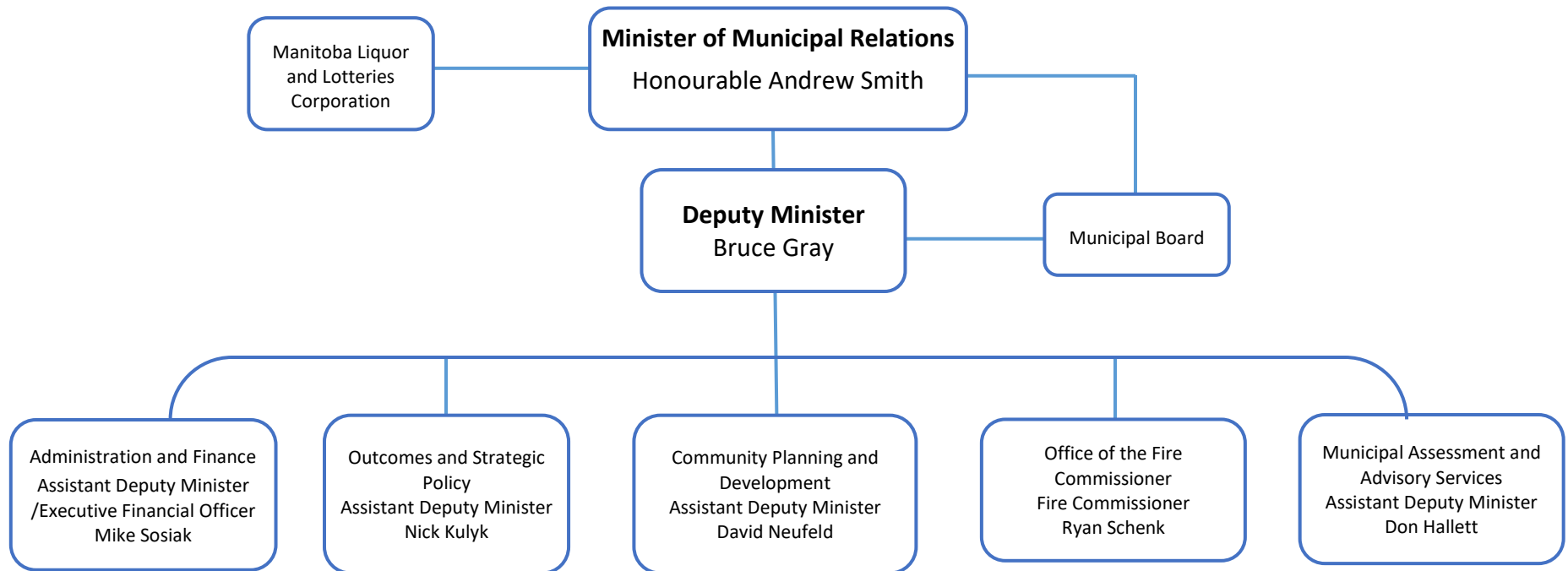
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31ST, 2024

DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL RELATIONS

SERVICE	2023/24 \$ (000s)	2022/23 \$ (000s)	Variance \$ (000s)	Explanation
1. OTHER REVENUE:				
a. Cost Recovery from Municipalities	9,174	9,174	-	
b. Fees	2,574	2,574	-	
c. Sundry	26	26	-	
d. Fire Prevention Levy	-	8,600	(8,600)	Due to legislative changes to The Fires Prevention and Emergency Response Act. Revenue is now budgeted in Manitoba Finance as part of the Insurance Corporations Tax
Total Other Revenue (Municipal Relations)	<u>11,774</u>	<u>20,374</u>	<u>(8,600)</u>	
2. GOVERNMENT OF CANADA:				
a. Municipal Relations				
1. Heavy Equipment Search and Rescue (HUSAR) Grant	525	525	-	
Total Government of Canada (Municipal Relations)	<u>525</u>	<u>525</u>	<u>-</u>	
Total Department of Municipal Relations	<u>12,299</u>	<u>20,899</u>	<u>(8,600)</u>	

B1 Organization Structure

Department of Municipal Relations as of April 1, 2023



Other Reporting Entities and Agencies, Boards and Commissions (ABCs) Accountable to Minister:

Keystone Centre
Inland Port Special Planning Area Board
Manitoba Code of Conduct
Manitoba Water Services Board
Municipal Board
The Forks North Portage Partnership

Administration and Finance Division:

Provides executive planning, management, and directs departmental policies and programs while overseeing their implementation. Delivers the comptrollership function and central management services, including financial and administrative services and budget oversight.

Outcomes and Strategic Policy: Supports the department by providing strategic advice and analysis on key financial matters, grant funding, policy and programs, partnership and stakeholder relations, community development, and other department and government-wide strategic initiatives and corporate affairs.

Municipal Board: Reviews and renders decisions on municipal borrowing, assessment, planning, and other matters as required by statute. The Administrative Tribunal staff provides administrative support to the Municipal Board, Land Value Appraisal Commission and the Disaster Assistance Appeal Board.

Community Planning and Development Division:

Delivers land use planning and development services as well as engaging partners in advising on the legislative framework for planning to support safe, healthy, vibrant, and prosperous communities.

The Office of Fire Commissioner: Ensures sustainable fire and rescue services for Manitobans through fire protection programming; engages with and supports local authorities, and the Manitoba Emergency Services College, and responds under the Fire Prevention and Emergency Responses Act in partnership with fire services across the province.

Municipal Assessment and Advisory Services Division:

Supports the delivery of effective and efficient local government and the legislative framework for municipal governments, through engagement with municipal and other partners. Supports sustainable and accountable municipalities by providing information systems, guidance and direction on good governance such as respectful behaviour and codes of conduct, conflict of interest, transparency, accessibility, and responsiveness. Delivers property assessment services for all taxing authorities except the City of Winnipeg.

B2 Staffing Overview - Full Time Equivalent (FTE)

As of April 1, 2023

	2023/24 FTEs	2022/23 FTEs
Main Appropriations		
Administration and Finance	73.80	73.90
Community Planning and Development	106.00	106.00
Municipal Assessment and Advisory Services	150.80	151.10
TOTAL	330.60	331.00

B3 Minister's and Deputy Minister's Staff (M/DM)

As of February 28, 2023

Employee Sub Group	Full-Time Equivalent
Regular	7
Technical	2
Total	9

M/DM Staff	Count
M Staff	5
DM Staff	4
Total	9

Branch	Title	Name of Employee
Dep Minister's Office	Deputy Minister	Gray, Bruce
Dep Minister's Office	Senior Policy Advisor	Magas, Nicole
Dep Minister's Office	Secretary To Deputy Minister	Parsons, Penny
Dep Minister's Office	Bilingual Executive Assistant To The Dm	Santos, Casandra
Minister's Office	Correspondence Secretary	Odenigbo, Sandy
Minister's Office	Special Assistant To The Minister	Rankin, Graeme
Minister's Office	Correspondence Secretary	Sandhu, Swati
Minister's Office	Executive Assistant To The Minister	Janzen, Sarah
Minister's Office	Admin Assistant To Minister	Urbanowich, Tara
Total	9	

B4 Technical Officers and OIC Appointments

From April 1, 2022 to February 28, 2023

Technical Officers*	Count
Technical (G2)	2
Total	2

OIC Appointments**	Count
OIC - Technical	2
Total	2

List of Technical Officers and OIC Appointments

From April 1, 2022 to February 28, 2023

List of Technical Officers*	
Name	Title
Rankin, Graeme Janzen, Sarah	Special Assistant To The Minister Executive Assistant To The Minister
Total	2

List of OIC Appointments**	
Name	Title
Rankin, Graeme Janzen, Sarah	Special Assistant To The Minister Executive Assistant To The Minister
Total	2

B5 Appointments

From April 1, 2022 to February 28, 2023

Competitive Appointments	Count
Competition - Closed	3
Competition - Internal	2
Competition - Open	58
Total	63

Direct Appointments	Count
Acting Status	17
OIC - Technical Appointment	2
Reasonable Accommodation (Medical)	1
Total	20

Event Type	Count
Acting Status	17
In-Service Appointment	36
New Appointment	30
Total	83

B6 Vacancies

As of February 28, 2023

Total Value of Vacant FTEs	74
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B7 Terminations

From April 1, 2022 to February 28, 2023

Type	Count
Total Terminations	26
Total Retirements include in Terminations	10

38.5%
Proportion Retirement(s) to Terminations

ISSUE TITLE: City of Winnipeg – Mayor’s Request for Charter Amendments

ISSUE

- The Mayor of Winnipeg requested amendments to *The City of Winnipeg Charter Act* to give Winnipeg Council flexibility to determine its own committee structure while also requesting new powers for the Office of the Mayor.

SPEAKING POINTS

- Q.** Has the Province responded to Mayor Gillingham’s request for amendments to *The City of Winnipeg Charter*?

Manitoba is reviewing the information provided by the City of Winnipeg Mayor’s Office and is open to working with His Worship on possible changes to *The City of Winnipeg Charter Act*, among other issues of mutual interest to the City and the Province.

BACKGROUND

- Mayor Gillingham committed during the civic election to pursue governance reforms regarding Winnipeg’s committees and appointment process, including to Executive Policy Committee.
- A subsequent letter to the Premier proposed full autonomy to council to decide its own committee structure. It also proposes new powers for the Office of the Mayor, including powers to:
 - Draft the civic budget
 - Direct public servants to develop mayoral proposals for council consideration
 - Gather information on public service operations and track their progress
- The Mayor also proposed to retain the authority to appoint a Deputy Mayor.

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- 23(1)(a), 27(1)(a) [REDACTED]

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Appendix: Premier’s letter to Mayor Gillingham

Appendix A



PREMIER OF MANITOBA

Legislative Building
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0V8
CANADA

His Worship Scott Gillingham
Mayor of Winnipeg
510 Main Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 1B9

Dear Mayor Gillingham:

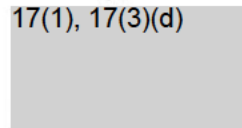
Scott

Thank you for your letter in which you requested amendments to the City of Winnipeg Charter Act.

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Thank you for taking the time to write to me. I look forward to working with you to strengthen our democracy and grow our economy together.

Sincerely,
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Heather Stefanson
Premier of Manitoba

- c. Honourable Andrew Smith
Minister of Municipal Relations

ISSUE TITLE: Special audit of Municipalities by the Auditor General

ISSUE

- A number of citizen concerns and allegations have been received by the Department of Municipal Relations (MR) with respect to council governance, financial management, oversight and public accountability in various municipalities, including the Municipality of Westlake-Gladstone.
- Manitoba has requested the Auditor General (AG) conduct a special audit of municipalities through an Order in Council (OIC# 343/2022, issued September 6, 2022).

SPEAKING POINTS

Q. Why has the Province called for the Auditor General to conduct a special audit of four municipalities?

As independently elected and autonomous local governments, municipalities are responsible to govern their affairs, and the province respects the authority of municipalities on matters within their jurisdiction.

A special audit by the Auditor General may help to set an improved standard for all municipalities and the province as well as provide guidance and solutions to support enhanced accountability.

The Auditor General's special audit is an independent process without any provincial interference. The Auditor General will make their own determination on the scope of their audit and release their report when the audit is complete.

BACKGROUND

- Given the public interest in improving transparency, accountability and related financial oversight in Westlake-Gladstone and other municipalities, MR recommended an AG special audit of municipalities publicly committed through an OIC to examine and audit the operations and the accounts of various municipalities, including Westlake-Gladstone, in accordance with section 16 of The Auditor General Act.
- On February 17, 2023 the AG announced that based on the results of preliminary procedures it will be conducting investigations on the Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone, the RM of St. Andrews, the RM of West St. Paul and the RM of Swan Valley West.
- In addition to the investigations on the four municipalities, the AG will examine municipal oversight at the Department of Municipal Relations and how the Department handles complaints regarding municipalities.

- MR expects that this special audit will help improve financial oversight standards for the province and all municipalities, identify gaps and recommend appropriate measures to be taken by identifying solutions to ensure similar issues can be avoided in future. The Association of Manitoba Municipalities and the Manitoba Municipal Administrators are both supportive of this approach.
- This independent audit is expected to be welcomed by citizens, as it is expected to improve trust and confidence in the public complaint resolution process.

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ISSUE TITLE: Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP)

ISSUE

- Manitoba launched the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) in June 2019. Round one of the program closed on September 26, 2019. Manitoba completed its submissions review and prioritization and forwarded prioritized projects for federal approval.
- There was significant demand for funding support under Manitoba's initial ICIP intake and proposals far exceeded what can be supported under the program. The Government of Manitoba continues to discuss with the Government of Canada the need for additional infrastructure funding.
- The main funding source for the provincial ICIP share is the Strategic Infrastructure basket. However, in 2020/21, Manitoba allocated incremental funding of \$230 million from the Manitoba Restart Program and in 2022/23 allocated \$100.1 million in special warrant funding, which freed up significant room under the infrastructure basket to be allocated to other capital priorities, including additional ICIP projects.

SPEAKING POINTS

Q: What is the status of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program?

As at March 7, 2023, 138 projects have been formally advanced to Canada for federal approval worth approximately \$3.2 billion in Total Project Costs. Of the 138 projects, 120 projects have been approved and 100 have been jointly announced. At this time, 18 projects are currently under Canada's review and approval process.

Q: When will we hear more about Investing Canada Infrastructure Projects and further approvals?

The Government of Manitoba shared its list of prioritized projects under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) with the Government of Canada in June 2020 and discussions with our federal partners are ongoing as we continue to formally advance projects under ICIP.

BACKGROUND


The \$1.17 billion Bilateral Agreement for ICIP (signed June 4, 2018) is a cost-shared federal-provincial program that will support infrastructure needs throughout Manitoba into 2028, subject to funds being available from provincial, municipal, and other partners.

ICIP is divided into five funding streams: Public Transit; Green; Rural and Northern Communities; Community, Culture and Recreation, and COVID-19 Resilience. Manitoba's funding share for municipal projects approved under ICIP is 33.33 percent of eligible project costs.

The Green Infrastructure Stream (GIS) was significantly oversubscribed, with not enough federal funding available to support all applications approved by Manitoba. Manitoba underwent negotiations with the federal government to increase flexibility in allocations across streams, which resulted in a large portion of Public Transit funding being reallocated to the GIS stream to allow more projects to be approved.

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CONTACT

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ISSUE TITLE: Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Cost Overruns

ISSUE

- Municipal Relations is the main funding source for the provincial contribution to municipal Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) projects, which are administered by the Department of Consumer Protection and Government Services (CPGS). CPGS has been receiving a number of requests from ICIP funding recipients for additional funding to support unexpected inflation pressures related to their projects.
- Current economic conditions are posing significant challenges to infrastructure projects across the country. From supply chain issues, to fast changing labour markets and rising inflation, the impacts are becoming a serious threat to the successful completion of projects. In many instances, contractors are only holding prices for a very short period of time.
- Proponents are receiving tenders with significantly higher costs than originally estimated and are looking to the provincial and federal governments to either share in these cost overrun burdens to advance projects or to seek approval for de-scoping and/or phasing projects to meet conditions under the program.

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Q: What is being done to address the cost pressures faced by municipalities related to project costs overruns?

The Government of Manitoba has been advocating to the Government of Canada for further funding and flexibilities under ICIP. As a result, Canada has approved new limited

flexibilities for the use of Canada Community-Building Funds (CCBF) toward cost increases for approved ICIP projects, to help alleviate funding gap pressures. This flexibility will apply to municipal Ultimate Recipients, will be restricted to the federal stacking limits that apply to the project under the ICIP Program, and can only be used toward project costs that are eligible under both programs (ICIP and CCBF).

Our government will continue to work collaboratively with the City of Winnipeg and other municipalities to find ways to support ICIP projects that are in jeopardy due to significant cost increases.

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ISSUE TITLE: Inflation and Funding Pressures

ISSUE

- The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM), City of Winnipeg and municipal officials have advocated for an increase to provincial funding, which has generally remained relatively flat since 2017 when basket funding was introduced (with funding held at 2016 levels).

SPEAKING POINTS

Q: Why are municipalities concerned about funding levels?

Canada's high inflation rates, supply chain issues, and financial pressures related to the COVID-19 pandemic have affected the cost of delivering core municipal services, programming, and critical infrastructure – increasing financial pressure on municipalities.

Municipalities, through the AMM, have been calling on the Government of Manitoba for several years to provide increased operating support to sustain core services and programming. Recommendations from the AMM's Partners in Growth Platform (launched in July 2019) include a revised funding framework that ensures long-term, stable and predictable funding; providing funding tied to an escalator (e.g. GDP or other index, PST rebate) to support municipal growth; and moving to multi-year budgeting to assist with long-term planning and priority setting. Since 2020, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and increased inflation has exacerbated needs.

For the City of Winnipeg, Mayor Scott Gillingham's 2022 election platform called for new discussions under "A Real Deal for Growth". This includes linking provincial grants to a growth metric such as Winnipeg-sourced PST revenue, or the Winnipeg-metro economy (change in GDP). City of Winnipeg staff have also asked for a review of options to apply inflation rates or other indexing factors to the City's operating funding levels.

Two resolutions were passed at the AMM's 2022 convention:

- AMM Resolution #01 highlights the unconditional operating funding disparity between the City of Winnipeg which receives 71 percent of the funding and 29 percent for municipalities outside of Winnipeg, and further underlines the need for greater infrastructure funding to better support existing and growing industries outside of Winnipeg. The funding disparity between Winnipeg and other municipalities is due to the complexity of historical legacy grants, from which the current operational funding basket was established in 2017.
- AMM Resolution #02 underlines the long-standing funding freeze, and limited additional revenue generating tools, and calls on Manitoba to undertake a comprehensive cross-jurisdictional review/analysis of local government revenue generation options.

Q: How is Budget 2023 addressing municipal funding concerns?

The Department of Municipal Relations is responding to long-standing municipal concerns regarding inflation and cost pressures, and is implementing a funding increase and revision of the funding distribution model in 2023/24.

On February 24, 2023, the Government of Manitoba announced a \$47 million (or 28 percent) increase to the Municipal Operating grant. This raises the total value of the unconditional Municipal Operating grant provided to municipalities, from \$170 million to up to \$217 million for the municipal fiscal year of 2023.

Beginning in 2023, the Municipal Operating grant will be distributed under a more transparent, streamlined operating method, based the following components:

- A new base grant top-up of \$25,000 for municipalities within the Northern District (as defined by the Association of Manitoba Municipalities), and municipalities with a population of 5,000 or less.
- A more equitable per capita grant portion adjusted at each census year.
- Specific municipal service needs based funding that will be maintained and reviewed regularly to ensure it meets current needs.

Every municipality will receive a minimum increase of over 24 percent compared to base 2022 operating funding, utilizing a new model that considers size and population, geographic location, additional municipal service pressures. This also includes one-time municipal transit support for Winnipeg, Brandon, Selkirk, Flin Flon, and Thompson to be distributed in 2023, including up to \$13 million for the City of Winnipeg. Note City of Winnipeg receives operating grant increase of \$16.7 million or 14 percent in 2023. Including this one-time transit funding, Winnipeg's operating grant total increase for 2023 is \$29.7 million or 24 percent.

The department will establish an ongoing review framework to inform future grant levels, distribution, and requirements for the Municipal Operating grant. This review will consider appropriate grant levels for 2024/25, incorporation of a possible future inflation-based escalator, and exploration of how to address municipal cost drivers while considering municipal revenue generation capacity.

Municipal Relations will work with municipal stakeholders, including the Association of Manitoba Municipalities, the Association of Manitoba Bilingual Municipalities, and the City of Winnipeg on a framework that will balance municipal financial needs with capacity to generate revenue. The ongoing review framework will also explore the basis of a funding escalator to assist municipalities in long-term fiscal planning.



Budget 2023 also provides a \$23.4 million increase to the Strategic Infrastructure basket from \$137 million to \$160.4 million (17 percent increase).

BACKGROUND

- Annual funding to municipalities delivered through the Strategic Municipal Investment Fund, Manitoba's basket funding model. This funding includes the Municipal Operating grant to address key service priorities and core programs, and Strategic Infrastructure funding to address priority capital projects.
- The provincial share of federal-provincial projects administered by Consumer Protection and Government Services (CPGS), and municipal water and sewer projects administered by the Manitoba Water Services Board (MWSB), is supported under the Municipal Relations' Strategic Infrastructure basket.

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Appendix: 2023 Municipal Operating Funding Formulae

ISSUE TITLE: United Way Winnipeg Agreement

ISSUE

- The Department of Municipal Relations is finalizing a funding agreement to provide operating funding support to the United Way Winnipeg for up to \$4.89 million annually, for a total commitment of up to \$9.78 million over fiscal years 2022/23 and 2023/24.

SPEAKING POINTS


Q. When will the funding agreement for the United Way Winnipeg be finalized?

The Province values its partnership with United Way Winnipeg, has increased operating funding support to UWW up to \$4.89 million annually, and is currently working to finalize a contribution agreement to be signed by all parties by March 31, 2023.

BACKGROUND

- United Way Winnipeg (UWW) was established in 1965. Its vision is “a thriving community where everyone can realize their potential” and mission is “to improve lives & build community by engaging individuals & mobilizing collective action.” It has approximately 70 full time–equivalent (FTE) staff with 46.4 FTE’s funded through MR’s grant.
- UWW donors provide core and program funding to a network of over 100 local non-profit agencies. UWW raised \$22.7 million in its 2022 annual fundraising campaign.
- On January 25, 2023, the Premier attended the UWW Celebration and announced the Province’s 2022/23 and 2023/24 funding to the United Way Winnipeg.
- The department is currently finalizing a new contribution agreement with the United Way Winnipeg, to be finalized by March 31, 2023.

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Appendixes: Nil

ISSUE TITLE: Urban/Hometown Green Team Program

ISSUE

- The Urban/Hometown Green Team Program budget for 2023/24 is \$9 million to respond to high program demand for youth employment and minimum wage increases. This is the fourth year in a row that Green Team program funding has been topped up, for pandemic relief and economic recovery.

SPEAKING POINTS

Q. What are the priorities of the Urban/Hometown Green Team Program?

Priorities for the 2023/24 intake are focused on full-time employment opportunities for youth; projects that support COVID-19 response and recovery efforts; and projects that respond to community need and partnerships.

BACKGROUND

- Urban/Hometown Green Team Program funding is provided to non-profit organizations, education authorities, Northern Affairs Community Councils (NACC) and municipal governments (other than the City of Winnipeg) to hire youth between the ages of 15 and 29 to work on community projects between May and September.
- In 2022/23, the program budget was increased by \$5 million to respond to high program demand (\$19.4 million requested) and support COVID-19 response and recovery efforts. In 2022/23, the Program supported 717 projects (out of 720 applications) for a total grant commitment of over \$9.5 million for a total budget of up to \$9.011million. The Minister also has delegated authority to approve GT projects up to an additional 10%.
- The program funds 100 per cent of wage costs for non-profit organizations, education authorities and NACCs, and 50 per cent of wage costs for municipalities on a cost-shared basis. All projects that offer youth employment opportunities are considered for grant funding (e.g. grounds maintenance, recreation, multimedia production and office work).

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Appendixes: Nil.

ISSUE TITLE: Building Sustainable Communities Program

ISSUE

- Budget 2023 maintains the increased Building Sustainable Communities Program budget to a total of \$25 million to respond to high program demand.

SPEAKING POINTS

Q. What are the priorities of the Building Sustainable Communities (BSC) Program?

The BSC Program, established in 2019/20, provides a simplified, accessible way to seek community grants and reduce red tape for clients. This program replaced seven application based legacy grant programs with a single window, streamlined program for community development projects.

The program responds to local neighbourhood, municipal and regional priorities while providing a more comprehensive grant funding package to support a broader range of projects including planning, capital, capacity building, and recreation and equipment purchases, among others.

BACKGROUND

- The Building Sustainable Communities Program is flexible and responsive to community needs, strengthens community capacity and enhances project outcomes.
- In 2022/23, the Building Sustainable Communities Program supported 430 community projects (out of 634 applications) for a total grant contribution of up to \$25.77 million and supported a planned, leveraged investment from project partners of over \$79 million across Manitoba. The 2022/23 contribution included 65 large capital projects totaling up to \$13.89 million and 365 regular stream projects for up to \$11.88 million.
- Eligible projects include planning, organizational capacity building projects, community and regional initiatives, and capital infrastructure to extend, improve or enhance existing public use facilities and spaces.
- Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations, charitable organizations, Municipalities (including local authorities such as planning districts) and Northern Affairs Community Councils.
- The BSC Program includes support for larger-scale capital projects, with a maximum grant contribution of 50% of eligible capital project costs, up to \$300,000. The maximum grant contribution of 50% of eligible project costs, up to \$75,000 continues to apply for all other project categories to ensure regional distribution of projects.

- A minimum non-government cash contribution of 10% is required for all projects, with the exception of planning projects. Projects may span more than one fiscal year. As part of the review process, the department consults with an Association of Manitoba Municipalities executive committee to seek feedback on project ratings and funding recommendations.

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Appendixes: Nil.

**ISSUE TITLE: Keystone Agricultural and Recreational Centre Inc.
(Keystone Centre)**

ISSUE

- The Manitoba government continues to work with Keystone Agricultural and Recreational Centre Inc. (Keystone Centre) and its partners on a new long-term sustainability plan.

SPEAKING POINTS


Q. When will the multi-year funding agreement between the Keystone Centre, City of Brandon and the Province begin?

The Department is currently finalizing a new multi-year funding contribution agreement with the City of Brandon and Keystone Centre which will provide funding to the Keystone Centre for 2022/23 to 2026/27.

BACKGROUND


- The Keystone Centre, a non-share corporation with three members (Manitoba government, City of Brandon and Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba), is one of Westman's largest economic catalysts, generating over \$80 million in annual economic activity for the province.
- The unique multi-functional facility, hosts a variety of local, provincial, national and international events. Located on 90 acres in Brandon, the Keystone Centre offers 540,000 square feet of multi-use space, and pre COVID-19 hosted more than 1,500 events annually.
- The 2017 and 2018 Throne Speeches committed government to working with the Keystone Centre on a new funding framework to ensure continued success of this facility. In 2019, government provided the Keystone Centre up to \$2.9 million to retire their long-term debt.
- In September 2020, the department issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to engage an external consultant to support the development of a long-term sustainability plan for the Keystone Centre for a cost of up to \$150,000. MNP LLP was the successful consultant and provided the revised draft report in March 2021.
- In 2021/22, the department committed \$750,000 for the Keystone Centre, including \$375,000 in operating funding and \$375,000 in capital support. Additionally, the Keystone Centre received funding, under the 2021/22 Building Sustainable Communities Program's new large capital stream, for up to \$150,000 to support roofing repairs of the Manitoba Room.

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Appendixes: Nil.